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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE UN THINKING ON RESUMING INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

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1. SRSG GALINDO-POHL, ACCOMPANIED BY D/SRSG GORGE, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR AUGUST 11 TO REVIEW STATE OF PLAY ON HIS CONTACTS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ALONG LINES REPORTED REFTELS. HE CONCLUDED THAT, ON BASIS THESE CONTACTS, THERE WAS NOTHING IN VIEW FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS. HE HAD RECEIVED NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SYG SINCE HIS SECOND MEETING WITH KYPRIANOU, AND IT SEEMED CLEAR THAT KYPRIANOU WILL TRY TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE UNGA CONSIDERS THE ISSUE.

2. HOWEVER, GALINDO WENT ON TO SAY, SOME NEW IDEAS WERE BEING CONSIDERED AT UN HEADQUARTERS, WHICH HE HAD JUST BEEN APPRISED OF. THERE WAS SOME TENTATIVE THINKING THERE ABOUT A PROPOSAL THAT VAROSHA BE PLACED IN THE UN BUFFER ZONE ANDRESETTLED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS WITH
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UNFICYP HAVING POLICE SUPERVISION. THE PROCEDURE FOR ARRIVING AT THIS WOULD BE A COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, MEETING IN NICOSIA. THE AIM WOULD BE TO GET AN AGREED DRAFT ON AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION AND, AFTER THAT, TO GO TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, PRE-SUMABLY IN VIENNA. THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD TAKE UP, FIRST, TERRITORIAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS,

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USING AS A BASIS FOR TALKS ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE
BEEN PUT FORWARD. IF THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE BREAKTHROUGH
IN THIS AREA, THE TALKS WOULD SHIFT TO "PRACTICAL" PROBLEMS,
SUCH AS IMPLEMENTING THE INTERIM VAROSHA ARRANGEMENT, AND
REOPENING THE NICOSIA AIRPORT.

3. GALINDO, REITERATING THAT THESE IDEAS WERE VERY TENTATIVE,
SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE SYG SHOULD GET INTO EXPLORING ANY
NEW PROPOSALS IF KYPRIANOU IS STILL ON THE SAME TRACK HE WAS
ON BEFORE LEAVING FOR ATHENS. GALINDO THEREFORE THOUGHT THE
FIRST STEP SHOULD BE FOR HIM TO TALK WITH KYPRIANOU AFTER HE
RETURNS FROM ATHENS TO SEE IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE IN
HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD GALINDO HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A VERY
SENSIBLE APPROACH, AS IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF NEW PROPOSALS
WERE MADE AND REJECTED.
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